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Mr. Bruce Heitler  
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Dear Mr. Heitler,

Thank you for your letter of 15 February which arrived while I was out of the country, and which I apologize for not answering long before now.

I appreciate your invitation and would be delighted to come up for a Sunday evening meeting this spring. On topics, I recognize and applaud the fact that this year's delegation has a very wide range of interests and attitudes but, hence, am not sure just what subject you would find it most interesting and useful for me to address. Vietnam, however, seems to be a subject that engages virtually everyone's attention and since this is my area of primary professional concern, I think a discussion of the issues and prospects in Vietnam might provide a lively evening of interest to all.

When I was an active member of Berzelius we had rather strict and rigidly observed ground rules about our Sunday evening meetings. They were, of course, never publicized; they were not attended by anyone save present or former members of the Society; and though the discussions often got quite brisk, everything said at these meetings remained within the walls of the tomb. I assume that essentially similar ground rules are still operative. I anticipate and will welcome a spirited discussion, but for reasons I am sure you will understand, I certainly do not want my participation in a Sunday session to be the occasion or cause of any comment outside the Society.

On dates, the 9th of April has already passed. I could probably come up on the 30th of April, the 7th of May, the 21st of May or the 28th of May. The 7th of May would probably be the best for me, but that might interfere with your Tap Day deliberations or activities.

Thank you again for your invitation and please let me know how your calendar now looks. I am sure we will be able to find one mutually convenient Sunday, and am looking forward to an evening with you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

George A. Carver, Jr.

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